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SUBJECT:BICENTENNIAL HISTORY PROJECT

1. AS PART OF THE BICENTENNIAL CELEBRATION, A COMMITTEE OF AMERICAN ACADEMICS IS ORGANIZING A SERIES OF INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCES OF AMERICANISTS WHICH HAVE BEEN THE SUBJECT OF PREVIOUS MESSAGES. IN ADDITION TO THESE CONFERENCES, THE BICENTENNIAL COMMITTEE ON INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCES OF AMERICANISTS (BCICA) HAS ALSO ASSUMED RESPONSIBILITY FOR ASSISTING WITH THE PREPARATION OF INVENTORIES, OR FINDING AIDS, TO AMERICAN-RELATED MANUSCRIPTS, DOCUMENTS, OR OTHER PRIMARY SOURCES IN FOREIGN ARCHIVES. SUCH GUIDES COULD FOLLOW THE MODEL OF THE CRICK AND ALMON GUIDE TO AMERICAN MATERIALS IN THE ARCHIVES OF GREAT BRITAIN. (SAMPLE BEING POUCHED) PREPARATION OF GUIDES OF THIS NATURE HAS ALREADY BEEN ENDORSED BY THE GOVERNMENTS OF FRANCE, SPAIN, ITALY AND INDIA. IT IS OUR HOPE THAT A NUMBER OF OTHER NATIONS WILL SPONSOR THE PREPARATION OF SUCH INVENTORIES ON THE OCCASION OF THE BICENTENNIAL.

2. EMBASSY IS REQUESTED TO SEEK GOA SPONSORSHIP OF PRE-  
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PARATION OF GUIDE TO AMERICAN-RELATED DOCUMENTS IN

ARGENTINE ARCHIVES. IT MIGHT APPEAR ATTRACTIVE TO GOA TO SPONSOR GUIDE AS ARGENTINE CONTRIBUTION TO BICENTENNIAL.

SUCH SPONSORSHIP WOULD INVOLVE SMALL COMMITMENT OF RESOURCES FOR RESEARCH ASSISTANCE AND PUBLICATION. IF THIS NOT FEASIBLE, EMBASSY SHOULD SEEK GOA ENDORSEMENT AND AUTHORIZATION FOR PREPARATION OF GUIDE, THUS FACILITATING ACCESS TO DOCUMENTS BY RESEARCHERS WHICH BCICA MIGHT PROVIDE, POSSIBLY WORKING WITH COLLOQUIUM OF VISITING SCHOLARS.

3. IF FONOFF NOT IN A POSITION TO SPONSOR GUIDE, IT MIGHT ENDORSE ITS PREPARATION AND ENCOURAGE APPROPRIATE MINISTRIES TO AUTHORIZE DIRECTOR OF ARCHIVO GENERAL DE LA NACION AND SUBDIRECTOR OF BIBLIOTECA NACIONAL, NESTOR TOMAS AUZA, TO ASSIST IN ITS PREPARATION. UNDERSTAND ARCHIVO IS UNDER INTERIRO AND BIBLIOTECA IS UNDER EDUCATION.

4. IF EMBASSY IS SUCCESSFUL IN OBTAINING GOA SPONSORSHIP OR AUTHORIZATION OF THIS PROJECT, BCICA WILL NAME AN ARCHIVIST TO ASSIST WORK IN THE SEVERAL MAJOR ARGENTINE DEPOSITORIES AND ADVISE ON PROGRESS OF SIMILAR PROJECTS IN OTHER LATIN AMERICAN COUNTRIES.

5. PLEASE REPORT RESULTS OF CONVERSATIONS. KISSINGER

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